

HOUSE BILL 2048

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,
Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to confidential records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by designating the existing language of subdivision (a)(1) as (a)(1)(A) and by adding the following new (a)(1)(B):

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, the medical records of a patient in a state hospital shall be made available to the patient's next-of-kin for genealogy purposes if:

- (i) The patient has been deceased for more than ten (10) years; and
- (ii) The records requested are more than fifty (50) years old.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.